

Response to Office Action dated July 5, 2005  
Serial No. 10/617,713

Remarks

The allowance of Claims 2-4 is acknowledged.

As indicated above, Claims 1 and 5, the only rejected claims are now canceled.

In view of the above remarks, it is believed that this application is now in condition to pass to issue.

If there are any issues of a minor nature remaining, the Examiner is urged to contact Applicants' attorney, the undersigned, at Area Code (202) 659-2930.

In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

Armstrong, Kratz, Quintos,  
Hanson & Brooks, LLP

*Darren R. Crew*  
for William G. Kratz, Jr.  
Reg. No. 22,631

*DARREN R. CREW*  
REC. NO. 37,806

Atty. Docket No. 030731  
Suite 1000  
1725 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20006  
Tel: (202) 659-2930  
Fax: (202) 887-0357  
WGK:JNB:bak